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Anniversary!

The anniversary of ask blog Greed-lr took place on July 1st! Happy 1 year, Greed-lr! A heartfelt message from the blog was posted up on that day:

http://greedlr.tumblr.com/post/54357199568

~ Snapshots ~

A picture is worth a thousand words. Sometimes those words tell of friendships forged or lost. Others remind us of good days gone by. And sometimes… they teach us to love more, to enjoy life more, and to value more….

This week has been a rather sad one for the fandom. With the passing of two ask blogs, things may seem a little dreary. Hold on to the artwork from them and remember the good times. We will pay tribute to them, but we are also here to report on some good news, too. Make sure to bring your camera to another upcoming meet up, say hello to three new ask blogs, and more. •

~ Upcoming Events/Save the Date! ~

4th of July:
7/04/13

On this day, we of the U.S. celebrate our independence! Fireworks & more!

Lorax Showing:
7/16/13

Once-ling meet up in S. California! Contact Plutonis for more info!

Movie in Park:
7/26/13

"Lorax" movie in the park with Artsy Oncie in San Fran! Come for fun!

~ United We Stand ~

Unite the OCs

Do you happen to have/run an OC character? Unite the OCs blog is making an entire list of them!

http://unitetheocs.tumblr.com/post/50622052774/unite-the-ocs

"Little Lorax Things"

The "Little Lorax Things" blog has returned, and it is now under new management! Classicteacake and Greed-onceler have taken over for Merry, the original mod, and they encourage you to send in submissions!

http://littleloraxthings.tumblr.com/

Birthday Bash

This week celebrated the birthday of two members in the fandom: Vriska-ler and Minipocalypse! A very, very happy birthday to the two of you!!

Artsy's Once-ling Meet Up

The moderator of ask blog Ask-artsy-oncie is holding a Once-ling meet up on July 26th in Millrae's Central Park located in the Bay area in San Francisco! There will be a movie screening of *The Lorax* in the park, and any and all Once-lings are welcome to come. Don't forget to bring your blankets! For more information, please see this link:

http://ask-artsy-oncie.tumblr.com/post/54322132876/attention-all-norcal-oncelings-and-oncelings-who-love

Thneedville Map

Although this post is an old one, check out this map of Thneedville that member Travelingmadness found:

http://travelingmadness.tumblr.com/post/28171216783/thneedville-map

~ Formal Welcomes ~

Three new ask blogs have joined the fray, and it is our job to give out a formal welcome to them!

~ Drk-ler ~

It is not often that we see a black Once-ler surface in the fandom. The last who appeared only lasted for about a month, but now there is a new one, and he's ready and willing to answer your questions!

drk-ler.tumblr.com

~ Icecream-lers ~

Who doesn't love a healthy scoop of ice cream once in a while? These guys have arrived just in time for summer, so stop on by and order your favorite flavor! But be advised: these cheerful servers are more than what they seem to be….

askicecreamlers.tumblr.com

~ Atlantis Once-ler ~

The lost city of Atlantis is a topic of much interest and speculation. Everything from books to films… and now to ask blogs have touched the subject. In the theme of Disney's version of the story, this friendly Once-ler doesn't mind sharing a few secrets of what life in Atlantis may have been like… and maybe still is!

atlantis-onceler.tumblr.com

~ Extra Tidbit ~

To those of you who are familiar with the ask blog known as Beast-ler, it may interest you to know that he is currently looking for a new RP partner, seeing as his former partner's blog has been shut down. Beast-ler's official blog can be found here:

askthebeast-ler.tumblr.com

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Truffula Trivia!

Hello, readers! Ready for another round of Truffula Trivia? First three to get the answer right will have their names mentioned in next week's paper! No cheating!

In *The Lorax,* when Ted first visits Audrey, what two items is Audrey holding in her hand as she answers the door?

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~ Farewell to Thee ~

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the closure of two very beloved ask blogs: Steampunk Once-ler (who was comprised of Once-lers Steam-ler, Greed-ler Bot, and Oncie Bot) and Ask-pimp-greedler, better known as "Pimp", who interacted with Steampunk quite often. Known for their charming stories and captivating animated art created by their moderators, Steam and Pimp were loved by many. Both blogs ~ closed on July 3rd, and it goes without saying that we will miss them both very, very much. ~

~ Special Message from "The Press" ~

In light of recent events, meaning… the closure of ask blogs Steampunk Once-ler and Pimp-ler, *The Unless Press* wishes to make an announcement. It should be understood that both blogs closed due to an overwhelming influx of hate and pressure from anonymous members. Although we are uncertain who those anonymous people are, this message is addressed to them and all anons who send hate: Your words are very powerful. They can make or break a person. They can cause strife or peace. What you say can have a great affect on others. **Please, be kind to others.** Treat them as you would want to be treated.

Be

Kind

To

Others

Spread

Love

To

People

~ Interviews - Weak-ler and Greed-ler ~

Join us as we interview two Once-ler ask blogs -- Weak-ler and Greed-ler!!

~ Interview - Weak-ler ~

Q. Could you tell us a little bit about yourself? How is it that you came to be mute?

A. Ah... well, my name is Weak-ler Worcestershire. I'm 19 years old, and live in Thneedville (a European version of Thneedville). I'm from Newport, Wales, UK. I'm a young businessman, youngest in town, owning two factories, one in Thneedville and the other in Iceland. Um, as for how I became mute, when I was very young, about two years old, I had gotten throat cancer. In order to survive they said they would have to remove my vocal cords. I've been a mute ever since, learning sign language and using my notebook to communicate.

Q. You stand quite tall -- at 6'2"! Do you find being so tall more of a hindrance or a help?

A. Ha-ha. It's more like cursed with awesome. I mean, standing this tall can be quite helpful when reaching high places, but it's a strain on my back. I slouch a lot, which causes minor problems. My mother is always badgering me to sit up straight and look presentable. Sometimes I wish I was shorter.

Q. What are some of your favorite pastimes?

A. I like to sit and knit with my brothers. I'm teaching them how to knit, but they aren't very good. Practice makes perfect, I suppose. I also like to spend time in the garage fixing up my motorcycles, and riding them around town. I like to keep my daddy's bike tuned up and looking nice, 'cause that's what he would have wanted.

ask-weakler.tumblr.com

~ Interview - Greed-ler ~

Q. What first gave you the idea for the thneed?

A. Actually, that's kind of a funny story. The Thneed's concept was happened upon purely by accident. I think everyone knows by now that I dabble with knitting every now and again, and I've gotten quite good, if I do say so myself. But, you know... it wasn't always that way. When I was first starting out as a boy, I'd more often than not wind up with something decidedly not what I was aiming for -- in this case, I'd been attempting a set of knitted pajamas for myself and, er... well, I got a little mixed up along the way. But I found that if you twisted the fibers just right, they'd begin to move in unconventional ways, and if you continued to create a full panel, it would work out to be something I could simply pull on and twist to become something completely different. I ended up playing around with the idea on and off for years before I wound up with what might be called the first proper "prototype Thneed". It was by no means the same as the one we all know and love today, but it was certainly a start.

Q. What do you think of all the other Once-ler ask blogs? Does it weird you out, or do you find it rather cool?

A. Ah, honestly... I'm still a little on the fence about the concept. I mean, how would you feel if you woke up one day and suddenly you were running into clones of yourself left and right? And not just clones, but *alternate universes* and *timelines* and just.... It's a lot to take in. I've had a good...

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~ Interviews (Cont.) ~

... sixteen months of experience with... whatever it is that caused this to begin with, and I'd like to say I'm okay with it, but overall... it is kind of weird, yeah. Not *bad*, just... *weird*. I've met a number of interesting guys because of it, though, so I guess it's all worked out in the end. Just, er, *please* don't let this leak out. My public is oblivious to my little duplication trick, and I really don't think it'd be great for business, if you catch my drift.

Q. Have any wise words to bestow upon young entrepreneurs?

A. Never give up. Never, ***ever*** give up. I really can't stress that enough. People will always try to tell you your dreams are stupid, that you're useless and pathetic, but you know? They don't know you, and they don't know what you're really capable of. You can do *anything* if you just press on through and rise to the challenge. Need proof? Look no further than me.

greed-ler.tumblr.com

Many thanks go out to both Weak-ler and Greed-ler for participating in this interview!!

~ Additional Information ~

In regards to interviews specifically, there is some information of which you may want to know about.

• It should be noted that Ask-pimp-greedler, who was once on the list of people to be interviewed, has now been removed from that list, seeing as the blog has closed.

• I am still trying to get in contact with Craig Elliott, a conceptual artist on *The Lorax* whom I'm hoping to interview. He is a busy man and has many demands on his time, but I know that he wants to participate in an interview, so stand by for an update, hopefully.

• No promises, but I might be able to interview Betty White!

~ Extra! Extra! ~

Wait! Don't put down that paper yet! We still have a few extra tid-bits of information to pour into your coffee cup, so read on....

~ Avatars and Pixels ~

Looking for a snazzy Once-ler icon to decorate your avatar box? Member Oncelers-eyelashes made a couple of animated avatars that you might enjoy:

http://oncelers-eyelashes.tumblr.com/post/53960264547/here-are-some-onceler-icons-that-were-requested

Oncelers-eyelashes also has a cute line-up of self-made pixels of the characters from *The Lorax*:

http://oncelers-eyelashes.tumblr.com/tagged/pixel-edits

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~ Once-ler Oekaki ~

The Once-ler Oekaki page is still alive and breathing, but they're a tad short on contributors. Owner Wentzler is inviting folks to join up and draw away! Below is their post on the matter:

http://wentzler.tumblr.com/post/54058312907/pssst-hey-fandom-remember-when-i-made-an-oekaki

And here is the official site:

http://pixelghost.co/oekaki/

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~ Cosplay Away! ~

Word on the street is that July 10th is "Cosplay Day" for owners of ask blogs! Dress up as the character that you play and answer any asks they get in costume! It's a fun and interactive way to really "get into character". Don't have a costume to dress up in? That's okay! You could, perhaps, draw yourself dressed up as your character, or just hang back and watch the fun unfold -- see how many cosplays you can spot in one day!

For more information on this event, please see this post:

http://2spookyteen.tumblr.com/post/54149762082/would-you-like-to-join-the-makeshift-or-cosplay-day

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~ Rockin' 'Hawken! ~

Get out your binoculars and strap on your backpacks. The Camp Weehawken festivities officially start today!!

http://campweehawken.tumblr.com/

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Speak for the fans!

Got something to say to us? Wish to submit a comment, suggestion, or complaint? Are you looking to volunteer for the newsletter? Want to mention a fandom member or ask blog to be interviewed/featured? Send us an ask! We love receiving fan mail and are always open to your questions and suggestions!

Let it Grow!